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Letter dated 20 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on Cambodia issued on 19 November 1998 by the Presidency of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and of its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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Annex

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Statement on Cambodia issued on 19 November 1998 by the Presidency of the European Union

The European Union warmly welcomes the agreement announced on 13 November 1998, on the main elements for the formation of a new coalition Government in Cambodia. The European Union congratulates the parties on the constructive approach that led to the agreement, and pays tribute to the leadership of King Sihanouk whose role has been crucial for the successful outcome.

The European Union hopes that all sides will continue with this positive approach so that the final details of the coalition arrangement can be agreed and a new Government installed as soon as possible. The European Union, which provided substantial support for the electoral process, will then consider the full resumption of aid to Cambodia to assist the country in its reconstruction. It also looks forward to working with the new Government on other issues as well, such as human rights and environmental concerns.